

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computer system comprising:

a first computer;

a first storage subsystem connected to said first computer; and

a second storage subsystem connected to said first storage subsystem, wherein:

said first computer transmits configuration information present therein to said first storage subsystem;

said first storage subsystem stores said configuration information at a predetermined location in said first storage subsystem, and transfers data, which contains said configuration information and is stored in said first storage subsystem, to said second storage subsystem; and

said second storage subsystem receives the data sent from said first storage subsystem, checks if the received data contains said configuration information, and stores said configuration information at a predetermined location in said second storage subsystem.

2. A computer system according to Claim 1, further comprising a second computer connected to said second storage subsystem, wherein:

said second computer checks if said configuration

information is stored at said predetermined location in said second storage subsystem, reads said configuration information from said predetermined location, and determines various variables, which are employed in said second computer, according to information contained in said configuration information.

3. A computer system according to Claim 2, wherein:

when said first computer updates said transferred data, said first storage subsystem transmits the updated data to said second storage subsystem; and

said second storage subsystem stores the updated data at a location, at which updated data should be stored, in said second storage subsystem.

4. A computer system according to Claim 3, wherein: said second storage subsystem compares information contained in said configuration information with information on the configuration of said second storage subsystem; and if the pieces of information disagree with each other, storing said configuration information at said predetermined location is suspended.

5. A computer system according to Claim 4, wherein:

said configuration information contains an

identifier with which a volume said first storage subsystem provides for said first computer is identified, and information on a directory in which said volume is mounted; and

said predetermined location in said first storage subsystem is a leading location in said volume.

6. A computer system according to Claim 5, wherein said configuration information contains information on environmental variables relevant to said first computer.

7. A computer system according to Claim 6, wherein said configuration information contains definition information on a database management system that runs in said first computer and first storage subsystem.

8. A computer system according to Claim 7, wherein said configuration information contains definition information on an application that runs in said first computer.

9. A computer connected to a storage subsystem, comprising:

a processing unit; and

an interface via which said computer is connected to said storage subsystem, wherein:

said processing unit checks if configuration

information employed in said computer is stored at a predetermined location in said storage subsystem; and

if said configuration information is not stored at said predetermined location, configuration information is created and transmitted to said storage subsystem via said interface.

10. A computer according to Claim 9, wherein when said configuration information is stored at said predetermined location, said processing unit reads said configuration information via said interface, and sets up said computer according to the contents of said configuration information.

11. A computer according to Claim 10, wherein setting up said computer includes mounting a volume, which is included in said storage subsystem, in a file system that is run in said computer.

12. A storage subsystem comprising:
a port via which said storage subsystem is connected to other storage subsystem;
a control unit connected to said port; and
a disk drive connected to said control unit,
wherein:

said control unit receives data from other storage subsystem via said port;

if the received data contains configuration information, said control unit compares information contained in said configuration information with information on the configuration of said storage subsystem; and

if the pieces of information agree with each other, said control unit stores said configuration information at a predetermined location in said disk drive.

13. A storage subsystem according to Claim 12, wherein if the pieces of information disagree with each other, said control unit does not store said configuration information in said disk drive.

14. A storage subsystem according to Claim 13, wherein:

said configuration information contains an identifier with which a volume other storage subsystem provides for a computer is identified, and information on a directory in which said volume is mounted; and

said predetermined location is a leading location in said disk drive realizing said volume.

15. A computer system comprising:

a first computer;

a first storage subsystem connected to said first computer;

a second storage subsystem connected to said first storage subsystem, and

a second computer connected to said second storage subsystem, wherein:

said first computer transmits configuration information present in said first computer to said first storage subsystem;

said first storage subsystem stores said configuration information at a predetermined location in said first storage subsystem, and transfers data, which contains said configuration information and is stored in said first storage subsystem, to said second storage subsystem;

said second storage subsystem receives data sent from said first storage subsystem, checks if said configuration information is contained in said received data, and stores said configuration information at a predetermined location in said second storage subsystem;

said second computer checks if said configuration information is stored at said predetermined location in said second storage subsystem, reads said configuration information from said predetermined location, and determines various variables, which are employed in said second computer, according to information contained in said configuration information;

said configuration information contains an identifier with which a volume said first storage

subsystem provides for said first computer is identified, information on a directory in which said volume is mounted, information on environmental variables relevant to said first computer, definition information on a database management system that runs in said first computer and first storage subsystem, and definition information on an application that runs in said first computer; and

said predetermined location in said first storage subsystem is a leading location in said volume.